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SUBJECT: CODEL MONTGOMERY INVITED TO PROLONG STAY IN HANOI

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1. UNHCR/VIENTIANE INFORMED US MORNING DECEMBER 20 OF RECEIPT OF FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM ITS COUNTERPART OFFICE HANOI: "IF DELEGATION WISHES TO REMAIN IN HANOI FOR A FEW DAYS, VISIT COULD BE EXTENDED UNTIL TUESDAY 23 DECEMBER."

2. UNHCR/VIENTIANE SAYS MESSAGE IS ABSOLUTELY AUTHORITATIVE AND HOPES FOR EARLIEST POSSIBLE RESPONSE FROM CODEL.

3. ALSO, UNHCR/VIENTIANE HAS LEARNED FROM DRV EMBASSY CONFIDENTIAL

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THAT EACH PERSON TRAVELING TO HANOI, REGARDLESS OF

LENGTH OF STAY, MUST PRESENT THREE PHOTOGRAPHS IN ORDER
TO OBTAIN VISA IN VIENTIANE MORNING DECEMBER 21.

4. MEANWHILE, WE HAVE NOT RPT NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO REACHE
CHIEF OF PROTOCOL TO LEARN PDRL RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR
VISIT TO VIENTIANE DECEMBER 22-23.

5. COMMENT: SHOULD CODEL DECIDE TO PROLONG STAY IN
HANOI, ANY PROGRAM HERE WOULD OF COURSE BE UPSET. SOME
CHANGES IN TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS WOULD ALSO HAVE BE MADE
BECAUSE CARAVELLE IS COMMITTED TO FLY FOR AIR FRANCE
DECEMBER 23 (ALTHOUGH IT COULD RON HANOI DECEMBER 21 AND
RETURN DECEMBER 22). HOWEVER, DECISION IS CLEARLY UP
TO CODEL.

6. FOR BANGKOK: PLEASE OBTAIN CODEL'S DECISION IMME-
DIATELY UPON ARRIVAL AND ADVISE US BY NIACT. TRUST YOU
AND CODEL WILL ADDRESS QUESTION OF ITS OWN TRAVEL VERSUS
MOVEMENT OF REMAINS, I.E., IF CODEL STAYS IN HANOI
THROUGH DECEMBER 23 DO REMAINS COME OUT DEC 21 OR DEC 23?
ALSO, PLEASE ARRANGE TO HAVE PHOTOS MADE FOR ANY PERSON
TRAVELING TO HANOI WHO DOES NOT ALREADY HAVE THEM.
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